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COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

June 12th, 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Workforce Development submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for Thursday, June 12th, 2025.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On June 12th in City Council Chambers of City Hall at 10:30AM.

Member Attendance: The following members were present: Chairperson Rodriguez (22), Vice Chairperson Gutierrez (14), Alderman Yancy (5), Alderman Hall (6), Alderman Chico (10), Alderwoman Ramirez (12), Alderman Quinn (13), Alderman Coleman (16), Alderman Curtis (18), Alderman Taliaferro (29), Alderman Quezada (35), Alderman Sposato (38), Alderperson Vasquez (40), Alderwoman Clay (46)

Non-Member Attendance: Alderman LaSpata (1), Lee (11) Alderman Moore (17), Alderman Sigcho-Lopez (25), Alderman Burnett (27), Alderman Cardona (31); Conway (34), Alderman Nugent (39), Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48), Alderman Silverstein (50)

Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:40am. There were two items on the Agenda.

- 1) Approval of May Rule 45 Report
- 2) Direct Introduction (O2025-0017321) – An ordinance authorizing the execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters Local Union No. 700.

Chairperson Rodriguez conducted a roll call to establish a quorum.

After determining a quorum existed of present members, the Chair acknowledged non-members present at the meeting. Before moving on to public comment the Chair asked those members present to allow by Rule 59 for the remote participation of Alderman Moore, Alderman Taliaferro, Alderman Nugent and Alderperson Vasquez.

Chairperson Rodriguez then noted that there were many people signed up to speak and that we would use the first thirty minutes to allow those members of the public to speak.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment: Ken Turner spoke in support of the ordinance and the need to improve transparency around pay as well as the dangers he faces as a driver. Sandra Rosko wrote in favor of the ordinance, Terry Mitofsky spoke about the need to improve pay and working conditions for drivers, Rev. Charles Straight spoke of the need to improve transparency for drivers and passengers, Adam Song spoke of the need to raise driver pay and provide a wage floor to prevent drivers working for less than minimum wage, Michael McNally spoke on behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 in opposition to increasing pay for workers as Local 150 started organizing drivers in January of 2025, Paul Hyskl spoke about how the rideshare companies have changed the formula to pay drivers less, Mara Bucaro spoke to how wages have dropped to where workers barely can cover their expenses, Cristi Mora spoke in support of the ordinance, Rev. JeVon Moore asked the Committee to pass the ordinance to ensure all workers receive a basic living wage.

Agenda Item 1 – Rule 45 Report

Following public comment, the Chairperson moved on to the first item on the agenda, approval of the May Rule 45 report. Alderwoman Gutierrez moved to accept the report and it was approved by a voice vote of the members present.

Agenda Item 2 - Direct Introduction (O2025-0017321) – An ordinance authorizing the execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Chicago and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamsters Local Union No. 700.

Chief Labor Negotiator Cicely Porter was acknowledged to speak to this collective bargaining agreement. After a short overview of the contract the Chair opened the floor for questions from members.

Seeing no questions the Chair asked for a motion to approve the contract and Alderman Quezada so moved. The contract was approved by a voice vote of all members present.

Agenda Item 3 – O2023-0001748 – The Chicago Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance.

The Chair noted that there were several panelists to speak on the matter. First, Dr. Basil Salem from the Committee provided a presentation on the ordinance. After the overview of the ordinance the Chair noted that in the box were BACP Commissioner Ivan Capifali, BACP Assistant Commissioner Rupal Bapat, and Director Miguel Campos from the Office of Labor Standards.

In addition there was Arielle Maffei and Megan Sirjane-Samples representing Lyft, Andrew Greenblatt and Steven Everett from the Independent Drivers Guild, Lori Simmons and JC Muhammad from The People's Lobby, and Josh Gold representing Uber.

The Chair provided an opportunity for all members in the box to provide brief opening statements and then opened the floor to questions. There was a lively discussion with many members asking questions of the panelists.

There was a brief recess during the meeting as there was an outage to the live feed allowing remote participation and online viewing. After a fifteen-minute break the questions resumed from members and non-members. Following all questions the Chair Recessed the meeting until June 16th.

RECONVENE June 16th.

On Thursday June 16th the Chair called the meeting to order at Noon. Noting that an agreement was struck between advocates and industry during the previous weekend, he was not calling for any vote on Agenda Item 3, and he asked for a motion to adjourn, which was moved by Alderman Chico.